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This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:

Thulasiraman Jeyaraman, Mark W. Hapner, Vladimir Matena and Linda DeMichiel METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSACTIONS AND CONNECTION SHARING IN AN ENTERPRISE ENVIRONMENT * Assigned to: Sun Microsystems, Inc. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/230,493 filed on September 6, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). Application Elements: 36 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract 10 Sheets of formal Drawings Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney Separate Declaration Accompanying Application Parts: Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached. Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed) Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations Preliminary Amendment Return Receipt Postcard

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| "This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. filed on , the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference." | | | | | | | |
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